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EXHIBIT

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NO. 2021CI02331

YAZAN A. ABDELKARIM SHAREF	§	IN THE DISTRICT COURT
Plaintiff,	§	
	§	
V.	§	37 TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
	§	
RELIANCE DELIVERY COMPANY,	§	
LLC.,	§	
Defendant.	8	BEXAR COUNTY, TEXAS

DEFENDANT'S ORIGINAL ANSWER

NOW COMES Defendant, Reliance Delivery Company, LLC, named Defendant in the above-entitled and numbered cause, and files this Original Answer, and shows the Court:

GENERAL DENIAL

Defendant denies each and every allegation of Plaintiff's Original Complaint, and demands strict proof thereof as required by the Texas Rules of Civil Procedure.

PRAYER

Defendant prays the Court, after notice and hearing or trial, enters judgment in favor of Defendant, awards Defendant the costs of court, attorney's fees, and such other and further relief as Defendant may be entitled to in law or in equity.

Respectfully submitted,

By: /s/ Carlo Garcia

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that on April 19, 2021 a copy of the foregoing document was served on all attorneys of record in this cause follows:

Yazan Abdullah Abdelkarim Sharef 601 N. Santa Rosa, Apt. B2 San Antonio, Texas 78207 yazansharef@icloud.com via e-service and First Class Mail

/s/ Carlo Garcia

CARLO GARCIA

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YAZAN A A SHAREF

VS.

RELIANCE DELIVERY COMPANY LLC

(Note Attached document may contain additional litigants)

CITATION

IN THE DISTRICT COURT 37th JUDICIAL DISTRICT BEXAR COUNTY, TEXAS

"THE STATE OF TEXAS"

DIRECTED TO:

RELIANCE DELIVERY COMPANY LLC

AFFIDAVIT OF INABILITY

13401 SUNSET BAY LANE PEARLAND TX 77584-2174

"You have been sued. You may employ an attorney. If you or your attorney do not file a written answer with the clerk who issued this citation by 10:00 a.m. on the Monday next following the expiration of twenty days after you were served this CITATION and PETITION, a default judgment may be taken against you. In addition to filing a written answer with the clerk, you may be required to make initial disclosures to the other parties of this suit. These disclosures generally must be made no later than 30 days after you file your answer with the clerk. Find out more at TexasLawHelp.org." Said ORIGINAL COMPLAINT was filed on the 4th day of February, 2021.

ISSUED UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL OF SAID COURT ON THIS 29TH DAY OF March A.D., 2021.

YAZAN A ABDELKARIM SHAREF ATTORNEY FOR PROPIA PERSONA 601 N SANTA ROSA B2 SAN ANTONIO, TX 78207



Mary Angie Garcia Bexar County District Clerk 101 W. Nueva, Suite 217 San Antonio, Texas 78205

By: Alexandra Johnson, Deputy

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CAUSE NUMBER:

YAZAN A. ABDELKARIM SHAREF

Plaintiff

VS.

RELIANCE DELIVERY COMPANY, LLC Defendant

IN THE DISTRICT

JUDICIAL DISTRICT

BEXAR COUNTY

PLAINTIFF'S ORIGINAL COMPLAINT

TO THE HONORABLE JUDGE OF SAID COURT:

Plaintiff, YAZAN A. ABDELKARIM SHAREF ("Plaintiff") files this Plaintiff's Original Complaint, EEOC specifies and gave Letter to Sue, Charge of Discrimination, complaining of Defendants, ("Defendant"), RELIANCE DELIVERY COMPANY, LLCand states as follows:

I. DISCOVERY LEVEL

Pursuant to Rules 190.1 and 190.3 of the Texas Rules of Civil Procedure, Plaintiff intends to conduct discovery under Level 2.

II. NATURE OF THE SUIT

This Lawsuit arises from the Plaintiff not receiving the proper treatment while employed with said Defendant, RELIANCE DELIVERY COMPANY, LLC., committing a Charge of Discrimination of Title VII, of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 prohibits employment discrimination on the basis of race, religion or national origin. This discrimination began when Plaintiff was prohibited to return to the United States because of the threat of COVID-19 Pandemic. Plaintiff did not want to commit a failure to comply, which is a criminal offense under the Texas Government Code §418.173. Punishable with incarceration of 180 days and a fine of \$1,000.

Plaintiff is claiming that the Defendant has consistently tried to force Plaintiff to answer his work phone while driving, which he refused because of the set rules according to the DOT rules and regulations. Plaintiff would like to point out that the DOT rules and regulation clearly states: "If a commercial truck driver is found to be texting or otherwise using a hand-held cell phone in violation of these regulations, new penalties will apply. Each offense could result in a \$2,750 fine and drivers found in violation of the regulation multiple times could even lose their commercial driver's license." A new

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law has been added to these safety rules, March 1, 2020, applicable violations will carry an additional penalty increases to 10 demerit points during double-demerit periods. OSHA states that employers cannot encourage employees to use cell phones while operating work vehicles. Employers need to properly educate all employees on best practices with tools, machinery, or hazards. Work with or around. OSHA considers "distracted driving" which can include texting (and potentially the use of cell phones for telephone calls) to be a "recognized hazard" under the General Duty Clause to employee safety. Penalties for willful violations of the Act under the General Duty Clause can be as high as \$124,709. OSHA §1926.1417(d): The operator must not engage in any practice or activity that diverts his/her attention while actually en-gaged in operating the equipment, such as the use of Commercial Truck/Vehicle.

Plaintiff refused to follow orders demanded by Defendant because he was following the Rules and Regulation put in place by DOT and OSHA. Plaintiff refused to commit these violations, because he did not want to risk having these violations on his Drivers License and being permanently marked so that he will never be able to be employed, driving a Commercial Truck.

Defendant deliberately found cause to either discharge Plaintiff from his employment or exasperate him so that he would voluntarily resign from his position. Defendant was anticipating to conceal their Violating acts, therefore, retaliating against Plaintiff and marking him as a "Whistle blower". Plaintiff had to stand firm and file a complaint with the EEOC in order to investigate the Defendants could not stand by and let the Defendant continue to enforce Violations regulated by DOT and OSHA.

Plaintiff, therefore, is asking for a full Investigation by DOT and OSHA, so that no other employee is being forced to act within those Violations.

Plaintiff was not the only employee that was discharged for not following direct orders. Other employees lost their income to take care of their families because they followed the Rules and Regulation by DOT and OSHA.

III. PARTIES

Plaintiff, YAZAN A. ABDELKARIM SHAREF ("Plaintiff"), residing at 601 N. Santa Rosa, Apt. B2, San Antonio, Tx 78207.

Defendants, ("Defendant"), RELIANCE DELIVERY COMPANY, LLC., business address: Eric Moral, Manager, 13401 Sunset Bay Lane, Pearland, Tx 77584. No Legal Counsel on Record.

IV. JURISDICTION AND VENUE

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This Court has subject matter jurisdiction over this lawsuit because the amount in controversy is within the jurisdictional limits of this Court.

Pursuant to Chapter 15 of the TEX. CIV. PRAC. and REM. CODE, venue is proper in Bexar County, Texas in that all or a substantial part of the acts or omissions giving rise to this action, arose in Bexar County, Texas.

V. BACKGROUND

Plaintiff, YAZAN A. ABDELKARIM SHAREF would like to state that he had been put into a very difficult situation when the Defendant, RELIANCE DELIVERY COMPANY, LLC decided to discharge the Plaintiff and committing a Charge of Discrimination of Title VII, of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 prohibits employment discrimination on the basis of race, religion or national origin, and wrongful termination of employment, which is a violation of federal anti-discrimination and a contractual breach.

As stated above, Plaintiff will stand firm with his Complaint and therefore will consistently state the same.

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Defendant is refusing to pay the Plaintiff back pay of his unemployment and a consistent unemployment pay until he is able to find employment.

VII. DAMAGES AND OTHER RELIEF REQUESTED

Plaintiff is also seeking compensation for being targeted and retaliated against, loss of income during OVID-19 Pandemic, back pay for refusal of unemployment and continued unemployment pay until Plaintiff sought out other employment. Defendant causing the Plaintiff mental and physical anguish.

Therefore, Plaintiff is seeking the amount of and no less then, Three Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$350,000.00), with an additional demand for Defendant, RELIANCE DELIVERY COMPANY, LLC., paying various fines as high as \$124,709, for each Violation, specified and

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demanded by the DOT and OSHA, holding Individual Management, Supervisors responsible and therefore being confined and incarcerated for no less then 180 days for each enforced violation.

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SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO

BEFORE ME, 4th day

of February, 2021

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My Commission expires: OC+, 24, 2024

YAZAN ABDULLAH ABDELKARIM SHAREF

Respondent

601 N. Santa Rosa, Apt. B2 San Antonio, Tx 78207

Respectfully submitted

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ROBERT ARBUCKLE
Notary ID #132740220
My Commission Expires
October 21, 2024

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Before me, on this day personally appeared YAZAN A. ABDELKARIM SHAREF, personally known to me or proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument and acknowledged to me that he executed the same for the purposes and consideration therein expressed.

Given under my hand and official seal this 4th day of February, 2021.

No Legal Counsel on Record.

RELIANCE DELIVERY COMPANY, LLC.

Eric Moral, Manager,

13401 Sunset Bay Lane,

Pearland, Tx 77584.

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Respectfully submitted,

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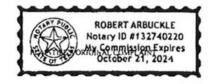
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	My address is: (Home) 601 N. Santa Rosa, Apt. B2
	(Mailing) San Antonio, Texas 78207
	My phone number: 901-530-8435 My email: yazansherif@icloud.com
	About my dependents: "The people who depend on me financially are listed below.
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	2. Are you represented by Legal Aid? I am being represented in this case for free by an attorney who works for a legal aid provide of who
	received my case through a legal aid provider. I have attached the certificate the legan aid provider is
	gave the as Exhibit, Legal Aid Certificate.
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	I asked a legal-aid provider to represent me, and the provider determined that I am financially eligible for representation, but the provider could not take my case. I have attached documentation from
	legal aid stating this.
	or C.8
	I am not represented by legal aid. I did not apply for representation by legal aid.
	3. Do you receive public benefits?
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	(Check ALL boxes that apply and attach proof to this form, such as a copy of an eligibility form or check.) Food stamps/SNAP TANF Medicaid CHIP SSI WIC AABD
	☐ Public Housing or Section 8 Housing ☐ Low-Income Energy Assistance ☐ Emergency Assistance
	☐ Telephone Lifeline ☐ Community Care via DADS ☐ LIS in Medicare ("Extra Help")
	 Needs-based VA Pension □ Child Care Assistance under Child Care and Development Block Grant □ County Assistance, County Health Care, or General Assistance (GA)

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My address is 601 N. Santa Rosa	, Apt. B2	San Antonio, Texas 78207						
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